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# HOUSE BILL NO. 1016

## 97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES COOKSON (Sponsor) AND MIMS (Co-sponsor).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To repeal section 171.031, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the school calendar.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 171.031, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 171.031, to read as follows:

171.031. 1. Each school board shall prepare annually a calendar for the school term, specifying the opening date and providing a minimum term of at least one hundred seventy-four days for schools with a five-day school week or one hundred forty-two days for schools with a four-day school week, and one thousand forty-four hours of actual pupil attendance. In addition, such calendar shall include six make-up days for possible loss of attendance due to inclement weather as defined in subsection 1 of section 171.033. **If a district provides at least one thousand seventy-eight hours of actual pupil attendance in the school year, the district shall not be required to meet the minimum number of days as stated in the calendar filed by the district.**

2. Each local school district may set its opening date each year, which date shall be no earlier than [ten calendar days prior to] the first [Monday] **day** in September, **and the last day shall be no later than the thirty-first of May**. No public school district shall select an earlier start date unless the district follows the procedure set forth in subsection 3 of this section.

3. [A district may set an opening date that is more than ten calendar days prior to the first Monday in September only if the local school board first gives public notice of a public meeting to discuss the proposal of opening school on a date more than ten days prior to the first Monday in September, and the local school board holds said meeting and, at the same public meeting, a

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 majority of the board votes to allow an earlier opening date. If all of the previous conditions are  
19 met, the district may set its opening date more than ten calendar days prior to the first Monday  
20 in September. The condition provided in this subsection must be satisfied by the local school  
21 board each year that the board proposes an opening date more than ten days before the first  
22 Monday in September.

23 4. If any local district violates the provisions of this section, the department of  
24 elementary and secondary education shall withhold an amount equal to one quarter of the state  
25 funding the district generated under section 163.031 for each date the district was in violation  
26 of this section.

27 5. The provisions of subsections 2 to 4 of this section shall not apply to school districts  
28 in which school is in session for twelve months of each calendar year.

29 6.] The state board of education may grant an exemption from this section to a school  
30 district that demonstrates highly unusual and extenuating circumstances justifying exemption  
31 from the provisions of subsections 2 to 4 of this section. Any exemption granted by the state  
32 board of education shall be valid for one academic year only.

33 [7.] 4. No school day for schools with a five-day school week shall be longer than seven  
34 hours except for vocational schools which may adopt an eight-hour day in a metropolitan school  
35 district and a school district in a first class county adjacent to a city not within a county, and any  
36 school that adopts a four-day school week in accordance with section 171.029.

37 5. **The first day available for the end-of-year state assessments shall be no earlier**  
38 **than the first of May.**

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